

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-2443
Hoffman House
10816 Philadelphia Road
White Marsh, Baltimore County
Circa 1925
Private

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic

other

Hoffman House

2. Location

street and number 10816 Philadelphia Road

not for publication

city, town White Marsh

vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Smith & Sons Company

street and number 8713 Cowenton Avenue

telephone Not Available

city, town White Marsh

state MD

zip code 21128

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse

liber 4928 folio 614

city, town Towson

tax map 72

tax parcel 561

tax ID number 1119054041

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category

☐ district
☒ building(s)
☐ structure
☐ site
☐ object

Ownership

☐ public
☒ private
☐ both

Current Function

☐ agriculture
☒ commerce/trade
☐ defense
☐ domestic
☐ education
☐ funerary
☐ government
☐ health care
☐ industry
☐ landscape
☐ recreation/culture
☐ religion
☐ social
☐ transportation
☐ work in progress
☐ unknown
☐ vacant/not in use
☐ other: _____

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates	circa 1925-present	Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction dates	circa 1925		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Prior to the organization of state authorized turnpike commissions, several county-organized turnpikes and postal roads existed in various parts of the county.¹ The Baltimore and Havre de Grace Turnpike Company was organized in 1814, when several organizers, including men from Baltimore and Havre de Grace agreed to sell capital stock for a total of \$60,000. The charter even included provisions for the permission of the state government to purchase the road after fairly compensating the turnpike company for it.² By 1850, this road was known as the Philadelphia Turnpike. Upon the road's release by the turnpike company, it was finally renamed Philadelphia Road.

By 1850, the area of Philadelphia Road between its current intersections with Cowenton Avenue and Joppa Road was only sparsely developed. In the mid-19th century, this area was still marked by extensive agricultural lands that were traversed by the turnpike.³ By 1877, Cowenton Avenue was still an unimproved road, and this stretch of Philadelphia Road was still largely agrarian, although a few more dwelling had been constructed since 1850. Family names common throughout this area included Pinkerton, Smith, and Canoles.⁴ Since 1915, several more dwellings were constructed along Philadelphia Road between Joppa and Cowenton.⁵ Nevertheless, this area has retained its rural character through the late 20th century. The late 20th century construction of Interstate 95 nearly parallel with Philadelphia Road has alleviated congestion from through-traffic along the surface road and enabled the community to maintain its character.

¹ William Hollifield, *Difficulties Made Easy: History of the Turnpikes of Baltimore City and County* (Cockeysville, MD: Baltimore County Historical Society, 1978), p. 2.

² Hollifield, p. 81.

³ J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

⁴ *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

⁵ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

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The bungalow form was disseminated in the early 20th century by the architectural designs and publications of Gustav Stickley. The Craftsman style bungalow was quickly popularized through architectural pattern books published by architectural and building firms like Sears, Roebuck, and Company in the 1920s. These publications espoused the use of mass produced materials for fast and easy construction of homes, thus resulting in the construction of this type of building throughout suburban America in the 1920s. With increased popularity, the bungalow was then adapted to incorporate aspects of other architectural styles popular in the early 20th century, most notably the Colonial Revival style.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .10 Acre

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name White Marsh

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1925, the Hoffman House has been associated with the 1.07 acre known as tax parcel 561 of map 72 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

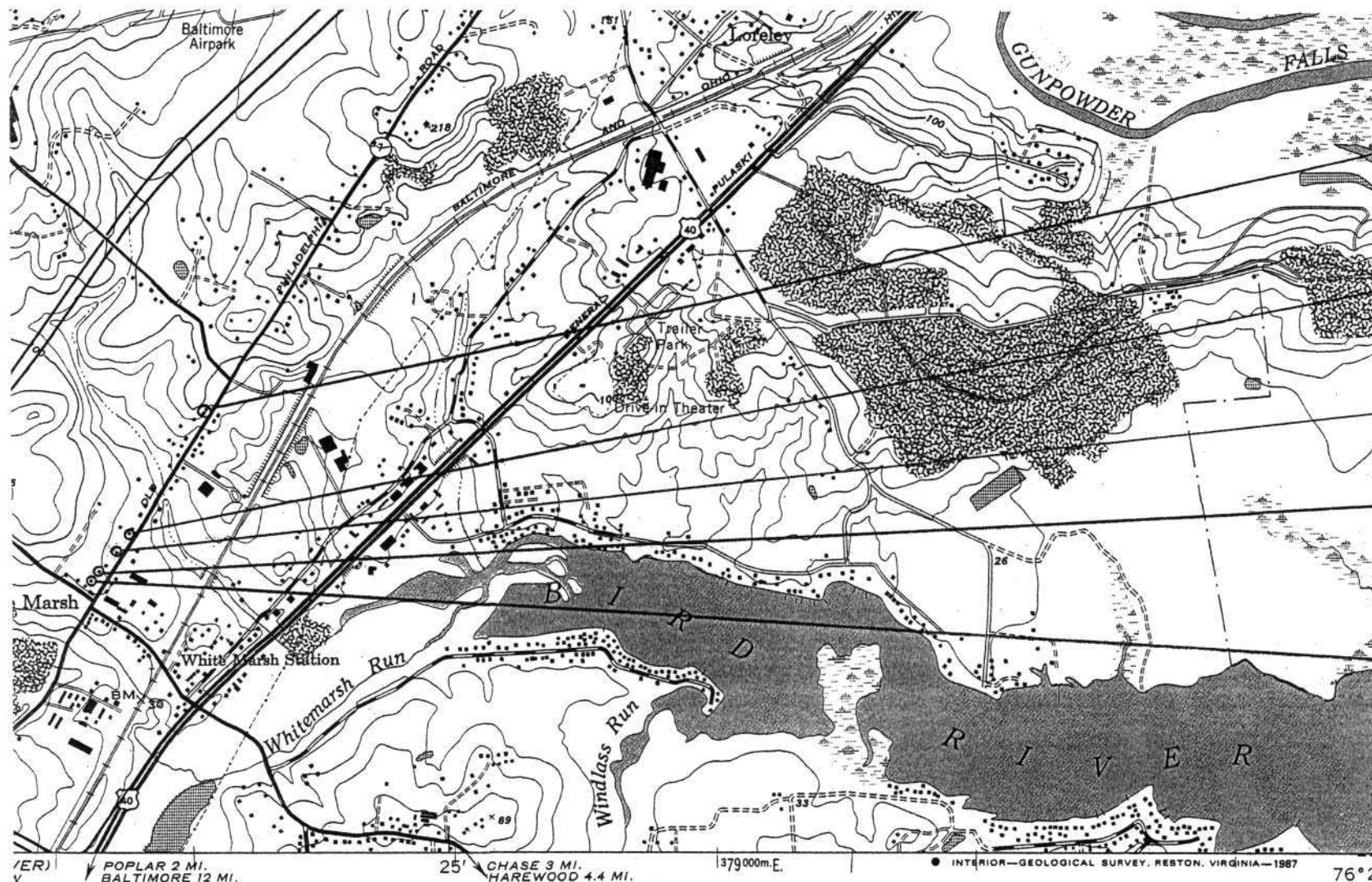
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Traceries, Incorporated	date	May 2, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0257
10848 PHILADELPHIA RD
WHITE MARSH
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10836 PHILADELPHIA RD
WHITE MARSH
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2444
10822 PHILADELPHIA RD
WHITE MARSH
BALTIMORE COUNTY

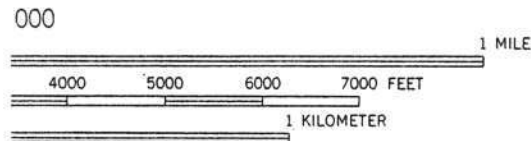
BA-2443
10816 PHILADELPHIA RD
WHITE MARSH
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POPLAR 2 MI.
BALTIMORE 12 MI.

CHASE 3 MI.
HAREWOOD 4.4 MI.

INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1987

39° 22' 30"
76° 22' 30"



L 20 FEET
AL DATUM OF 1929



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

Revisions shown in purple and woodland compiled by the Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 1982 and other sources. This information not field checked
Map edited 1986

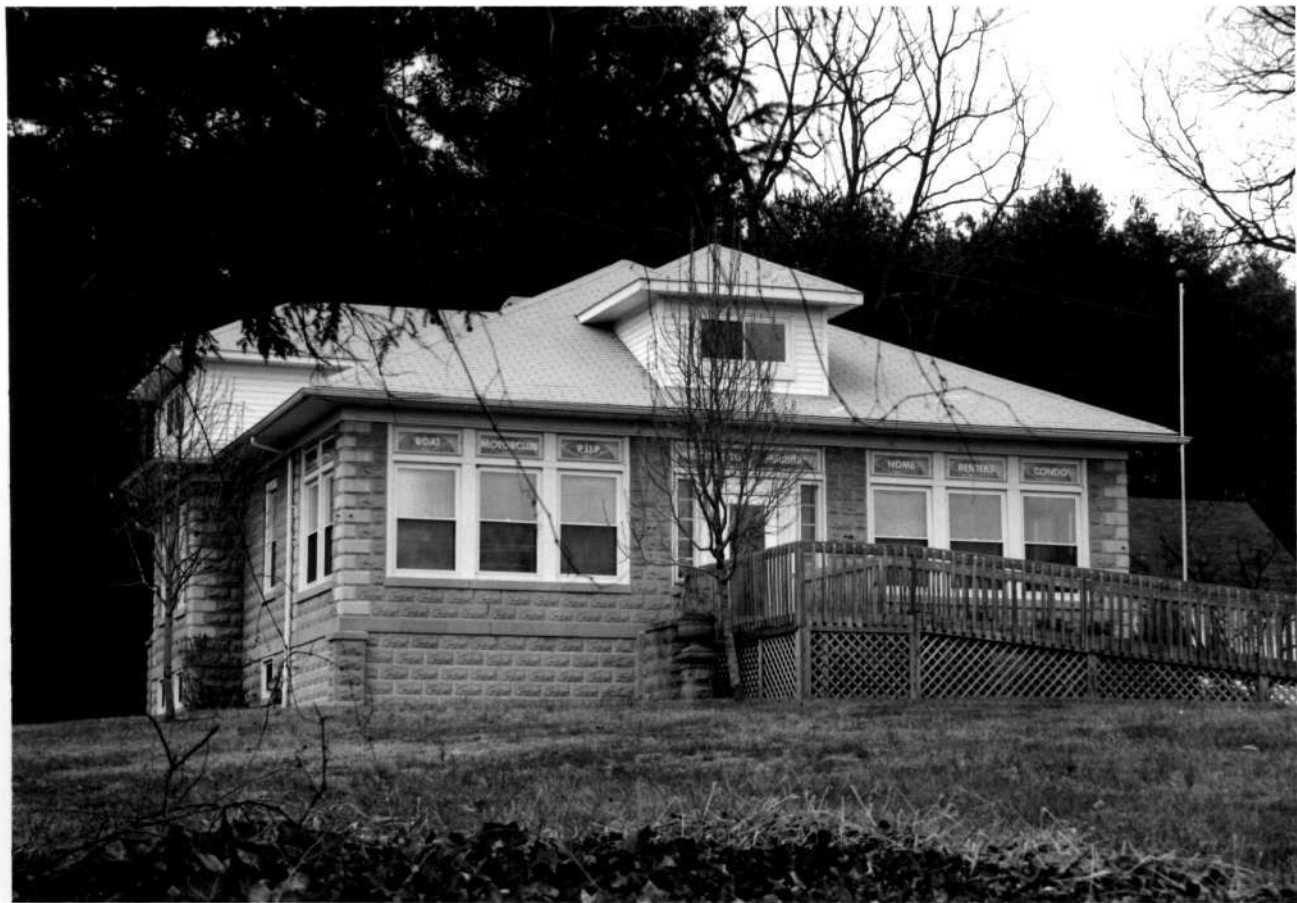
ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty _____ Light-duty _____
Medium-duty _____ Unimproved dirt _____
○ Interstate Route ○ U.S. Route ○ State Route

WHITE MARSH, MD.
39076-D4-TF-024

1949
PHOTOREVISED 1986
DMA 5762 IV NW—SERIES V833

(GUNPOWDER NECK)
5762 IV SE



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10816 PHILADELPHIA ROAD

WHITE MARSH

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRAILER

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SE ELEVATION

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N CORNER

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HOFFMAN HOUSE - 10816 Philadelphia Road, White Marsh. First structure north of Dodge dealership, a rock-faced concrete block bungalow with hip roof and gabled dormers. Also a two-story garage to northwest. Good condition.